

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for securely loading an application onto ~~an IC card~~ at least one integrated circuit (IC) card, comprising:
 - a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, that ~~said IC~~ the at least one IC card is ~~qualified~~ part of a qualified set of IC cards to accept loading of said application; and
 - a second step of loading the application onto the IC card after the first step.
2. **(Currently Amended)** A method for securely deleting an application from ~~an IC card~~ at least one integrated circuit (IC) card, comprising:
 - a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block that ~~said IC~~ the at least one IC card is ~~qualified~~ part of a qualified set of IC cards to accept deleting of said application; and
 - a second step of deleting the application from the IC card after the first step.
3. **(Currently Amended)** A method for securely loading an application onto ~~an IC card~~ at least one integrated circuit (IC) card, comprising:
 - a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, whether ~~said IC~~ the at least one IC card is ~~qualified~~ part of a qualified set of IC cards to accept loading of said application; and
 - a second step of loading the application onto the IC card only if the first step determines that the IC card is qualified to accept the loading of the application.
4. **(Currently Amended)** A method for securely deleting an application from ~~an IC card~~ at least one integrated circuit (IC) card, comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block,
whether ~~said IC~~ the at least one IC card is ~~qualified~~ part of a qualified set of IC cards
to accept deleting of said application; and
a second step of deleting the application from the IC card only if the first step determines
that the IC card is qualified to accept the deleting of the application.